

Hints for making posters in keynote & pages

For comments about how to make a poster in iWORK (Keynote or Pages):

(from Macworld website:

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20090813094224415>

Create large posters in

Keynote



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One of the few things I like about Powerpoint is its ability to print large posters. You can do the same thing in Keynote 09, but it isn't immediately obvious how. Select a new file with whatever screen-size you want. Next, click on the Document icon (at far left) in the Inspector. On the Document tab, select Custom slide size... from the Slide Size drop-down. Enter whatever size poster you want, in pixels. Figure that the printout will be at 72 pixels per inch, so a 4- by 3-foot poster would be 3456 x 2592 pixels. When you're ready to print, export to whatever file type your poster printer accepts.

Posters in Keynote

Authored by: Tulse on Aug 17, '09 07:38:05AM

If one has iWork, it perhaps makes more sense to do one's posters in Pages -- the page size can be set directly in inches or centimeters, rather than in pixels, and there is access to all of the graphics tools that Keynote has.

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Authored by: momoe on Aug 17, '09 08:41:58AM

While users have been using Powerpoint to generate posters for well over a decade, it was primarily due to a lack of page layout capability in the MS Office suite. In iWork, I agree that this task should be done in Pages and not in Keynote.

Templates are available on the web.

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Authored by: [marook](#) on Aug 17, '09 09:24:22AM

I have to agree with the two above!

This 'hint' should be changed to:

If you consider doing any printjob in Keynote (or PowerPoint) then slap yourself and open Pages instead. It will save you a Lot of trouble and workarounds!

/Marook

Posters in Keynote

Authored by: [abetam](#) on Aug 17, '09 09:29:47AM

Hi all,

I've been using both Keynotes n Pages for print purpose. From small prints to poster size or even banners.

However, I only used it for design purpose. After I'm done with it, I wud usually export it to PDF and then open it in Illustrator for better control of sizing and cropping. The neat thing about iWork's export to PDF, it preserves everything.

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Authored by: [zebrum](#) on Aug 17, '09 01:40:34PM

you lose image quality if you do that.

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Authored by: [Sesquipedalian](#) on Aug 17, '09 03:26:14PM

The Save as PDF function of the print dialog loses image quality. But Pages includes its own separate Export to PDF function, which creates much higher quality PDFs.

Posters in Keynote

Authored by: [zebrum](#) on Aug 17, '09 01:38:42PM

I have to agree with the first 3 commentators, bad hint. Use Pages.

Posters in Keynote

Authored by: [stokessd](#) on Aug 18, '09 06:47:48AM

Aside from the obvious "use pages" comment that is 100% on the money. I have another issue:

72 DPI?!?!?!?

Epson called, they want their MX-80 back, but you can keep the big box of pin-feed paper under your desk.

Sheldon

Posters in Keynote

Authored by: [maccall](#) on Aug 18, '09 01:06:26PM

Obviously the 72 DPI is not the internal representation of the text and graphics in Keynote. It's only for the sake of the rulers and page size. I recently did a poster that was 6' x 4'. Because all the imported graphics were in PDF format along with the text it came out nice and sharp.

Keynote isn't a bad tool to use if, like me, a poster is the least important part of the project. No need to search for templates, just hammer it out using one of the nice included ones. It will still look better than most of the PowerPoint generated posters.

Posters in Keynote

Authored by: [wjv](#) on Aug 20, '09 12:16:30AM

While I fully agree with the comments that a presentation tool should not be used to make posters, I have to point out that Apple themselves have not been above releasing WWDC poster templates in both Keynote and Powerpoint format:

http://www.apple.com/science/poster/WWDC_Poster_Templates.zip

There's another way too...

Authored by: [Turkish](#) on Jan 20, '10 07:00:15PM

Sorry dude but that formula of yours isn't quite correct at all, I've got to make a poster and the results isn't very exactly. I'm not saying is not useful is just that it isn't perfect :S , I'm just saying is just one part of

the process...

I found another way to size your slide poster style.... first you got to go to Keynote-Preferences and click on the tab "rulers", on the first box where it says "ruler units", choose either centimeters or inches instead of pixels and un-check the other two boxes below, leave alone all the other options.

Once you do that go to the menu bar-View-Show Ruler; the ruler will show in the units you ask for in past step.. so there you are... you are going to have your ruler show on your slide so you can achieved the size you're looking for with exact measurements... obviously the only way to do this is by changing the width and height on pixels unit as told before, so the formula given before could make this important approach to exact size you 're looking for....